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TAKESHI OKADA ET AL.) Group Art Unit: 1765
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed non-U.S. patent documents are also enclosed. In accordance with the Pre-O.G. Notice of the Office of Patent Legal Administration entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003", no copy of any U.S. patent is enclosed herewith.

The present application is a division of co-pending Application No. 09/867,492. This Information Disclosure Statement is filed to make of record all prior art citations found in the parent and all references Applicants deem relevant to the patentability of the presently claimed subject matter.

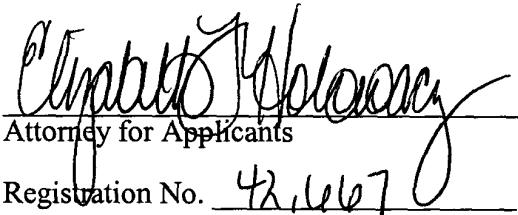
The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is provided in the form of English language abstracts, in the specification and, in some cases, in corresponding U.S. patents.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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